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"Cancer is hereditary in our family, my father, a sister and an aunt having died from this dreadful disease. My feelings may be imagined when the horrible disease made its appearance on my side. It was a malignant Cancer, eating inwardly in such a way as to cause great alarm. The disease seemed beyond the skill of the doctors, for their treatment did no good whatever, the Cancer growing worse all the while. Numerous remedies were used for it, but the Cancer grew steadily worse, until it seemed that I was doomed to follow the others of the family, for I knew how deadly Cancer is, especially when inherited. I was advised to try Swift's Specific (S. S. S.), which, from the first day, forced out the poison. I continued its use until I had taken eighteen bottles, when I was cured sound and well, and have had no symptoms of the dreadful affliction, though many years have elapsed. S. S. S. is the only cure for Cancer.—Miss S. M. Dool, Winston, N. C."

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Mrs. S. M. Dool.

ORANGE.

A Cake Walk and Fox Hunt—Religious—Prospective Marriages—&c. &c.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)
Orange County, Va.,
April 6th, 1899.

Plows are going at full speed, and with favorable weather gardening will be lively this week.

Early chickens have fared badly, and not unfrequently has the wily turkey hid her egg, where it lay undisturbed through the chilly night.

Some of the young people gathered at Mason's Mill Saturday and spent a lively time fishing in and out of the water and dancing in the wind. At night most of the crowd repaired to the hospitable home of Mrs. Stewart at the mines, and enjoyed a pleasant hop, &c.

The oyster supper, cake walk and good time generally, given by the Mt. Herman Missionary Society at the home of H. O. Dickinson Saturday night, was largely attended and satisfactorily patronized. Arthur Dickinson, clad in Ool. Thomas Graves wedding suit of 20 years ago, got the cake. Many and varied were the costumes, attractive and winsome the fair daughters of our own and adjacent counties.

There was a fox hunt of "ye olden time" in Belmont camp last week. James Daniel and many other "vets of the chase" were in high glee with their sturdy packs. Reynard was soon scooped, and the yells that rent the air spread the hounds to the chase. The distance between the pursued and pursuers widened, however, and one by one the brag dogs lay down to lick their tired feet. Ere the sun had crossed the meridian, the fox had crossed the danger line, and the scattered hunters, who vowed they would "put him in a hole or have his hide," retraced their steps. On nearing old fox camping ground he was spied quietly sitting by a large stump dining on "ole bar."

The dogs refused to be mustered into service again, and while an "over" went to get a gun old "sly" sauntered away to his lair.

Huntmen and hounds are to the manor born, and as the sunshine quickens the sap, invigorates the torpid liver and enlivens the sleepy muscles this old fox may yet have to quicken his pace or drop his tail.

Sunday Rev. W. J. Decker filled his pulpit at Panunkey. Self denial, the subject of his discourse, was vigorously discussed. Coffee received a slight out, while chain letters were stamped as iniquitous. Next Sunday the Sunday school will be re-organized.

It is rumored that Capt. Geo. Watkins, of Gordonsville, will soon lead a charming widow of Goldmine neighborhood to Hymen's altar. Success and happiness to you, George.

Mr. Joseph Graves, of Belmont, is also slated for Hymen's altar, and Miss Chevering, of Spotsylvania, is the bride-elect. Congratulations, Joe.

Many others in our section have the fever, but some how it won't break out. Jump boys, if you miss you won't have far to fall; you are too near the line that divides time from eternity.

Thermometer here has been near freezing for past week. Roads are drying in places, but there are yet quagmires that defy the adventurer.

Will Call a Pastor—Persons, &c. (Correspondence of The Free Lance.)
Unionville, Va., April 6th, 1899.

On Sunday, April 6th, at the close of the morning services, which will be conducted by Elder E. R. Perry, the Christian Church at this place will hold a business meeting for the purpose of calling a pastor.

Miss Lizette Mae Clark, of Unionville,

is visiting the Misses Mitchell, in Washington.

Misses Mabel and Bessie Crittenden have been recent guests of Miss Mary Brown, at Lahore, Va.

Miss Ada Harris spent Easter with her cousin, Miss Blanche Harris, near Mine Run, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Weaver, near Evermore, have been recent Madison visitors.

Farmers are busy plowing, but gardening has not been proceeding, owing to the continued cold weather.

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"A word to the wise is sufficient" and a word from the wise should be sufficient, but you ask, who are the wise? Those who know. The oft repeated experience of trustworthy persons may be taken for knowledge. Mr. W. M. Terry says Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives better satisfaction than any other in the market. He has been in the drug business at Elkton, Ky., for twelve years; has sold hundreds of bottles of this remedy and nearly all other cough medicines manufactured, which shows conclusively that Chamberlain's is the most satisfactory to the people, and is the best for sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

ESSEX.

Tappanhook Notes

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)
Tappanhook, Va., April 6th, 1899.

There was an "Easter egg hunt," on Monday evening, at the residence of Judge T. R. B. Wright, which was highly enjoyed by the host of young people who were present.

Miss Janet McDaniel returned last week from Bluefield, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wade.

Miss F. Page Robinson, of the National Park Seminary, Forest Glen, reached here on Thursday and returned on Friday, taking her niece, Miss Clara, Louise and Emily Robins on with her. These young ladies will attend the Rawlings Institute at Charlottesville.

Miss Lucy Owens is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Dillard.

Mr. R. B. Gary returned on Sunday from a business trip to Norfolk.

Miss Julia Wright has been spending the Easter holidays in the country.

The Graded School, of this place closed on last Thursday.

Monday was the third of April and quite a number of colored persons assembled to celebrate "Emancipation day."

Miss Edith Latane, of Baltimore, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Ellen Latane.

Judge and Mrs. Thomas E. Blakey are visiting Mrs. Blakey's father, Dr. Ben Wright, near Battery.

Dr. and Mrs. John Lewis visited friends in town on Saturday.

Mr. Bathurst Ragby spent the Easter holidays here.

Veritas

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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LANCASTER.

"Gleaner" Tells of Matters of Interest Down Near the Bay.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Lancaster, Va., April 6th, 1899.

Passion week, with all its ennobling and salutary teaching, had hardly terminated before our ears are greeted on all sides by happy young voices, planning Easter frolics. Impatient under the long restraint which holy Lent imposed, the almost undisciplined haste for merriment when it is ushered out, seems a sacrifice, and the modern way suffers in comparison with the time when the early fathers of the church preached decorum. Scarcely less agitated are the older ones, who are engaged in the absorbing political warfare. The outlook promises to be extremely exciting, and the Lancasters would not give a fig for existence were it not for the exhilaration these politics afford.

Farmer's work has been so much retarded by continual rain and wind, that they seem now disposed to take advantage of the sunshine, and rest, as well as their poor horses, need they when night comes on.

An Easter dance at Mount Airy, in Richmond county, will occur tonight. A young lady in our midst is sadly disappointed because of the distance, and the hard-worked horses. Having heard so often of this attractive household, she is naturally desirous of seeing it.

"Mount Airy" in the olden time was the resort of the "elite" throughout Tidewater Virginia, but the wit, beauty and "flower of chivalry" that once convened there have all passed away.

The annual meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of Christ Church parish and its vestry was held yesterday at the rectory to transact its usual business.

Rev. E. B. Burwell held Easter services on yesterday at White Chapel, and at night at Trinity.

Bishop Gibson is expected to visit the county on the 26th of this month.

Mr. M. F. Thomas, of Lancaster village, with his bride, returned to his home from Baltimore last Wednesday. The lady was Miss Ora Tignor, of Heathsville. Their arrival, as is usually the case when a widower marries, created a stir of curiosity and interest among the villagers.

Our people are much distressed to hear of the blindness of Rev. Manning Dunaway, formerly of this county, but now in West Virginia. His wife, the eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Chilton, was one of Lancaster's belles, and has the sympathy of us all. Mr. Colin Chilton, when on his way to his home in Ottoman not long ago, met with an accident, caused by his horse stepping into a deep rut in the road. He was on horse back, and as the animal fell Mr. O.'s foot was caught under in some way and badly sprained. He is still unable to use it, but much better. The necessity of better roads is more and more obvious.

Mrs. Joseph Palmer, near Molok, is said to be in decline. She has a family of young children, and but a few years ago was herself a lovely child.

Mr. Martor, the manager of Landreth's seed farm, is very ill from pneumonia.

Mr. Philip M. Gresham is in Richmond on business.

We have heard of hawks catching hens, but a large hen very nearly caught a hawk a few days ago. She seized and shook him with such avidity that his hawkship had to release his hold of the chicken, and he seemed badly lamed as he flew away, his feathers flying in all directions, while we, poor impotents, looked on and sighed for a loaded gun. Farmers, keep your guns loaded and ready for such contingency.

Gleaner.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Benck Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucken's America Salve, the surest cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

McKinley and Ohio.

The Washington, D. C., Star says in a recent issue:

The result of the Ohio local elections excites considerable interest in Washington from one aspect of the case. Friends of the administration are of course, gratified at the great strength shown by Mr. Hanna and at the evidence of the ability of the republicans to generally control the election in the state. But the thing most interesting to politicians generally here, who are looking to the national aspect of the election between now and national conventions next year, is the evidence of the ability of the President's friends to maintain supremacy within the republican party in Ohio. It has been known here for some time that a movement is on foot looking to the development of opposition to McKinley's renomination in 1900. Thus far the movement has made little progress but there is a great deal of quiet activity among the anti-administration republicans and efforts are directed toward a concert of action between the anti-administration men in various sections of the country.

Nothing has occurred yet to give the friends of the President the least alarm or even anxiety, though they are aware in a general way of what is going on. They are confident that up to the present time nothing that has happened in the affairs of the country has had a

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tendency to weaken the popularity of President McKinley, and that, on the contrary, he is stronger now than when he went into the White House.

NO SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION.

One of the President's devoted friends said today that if any substantial opposition to the President's renomination developed it would have to be based on some unforeseen event yet to transpire. The discouraging aspect of affairs, however, is not deterring those who would oppose the President from developing what combinations they can and working toward the end they have in view. These men looked forward to some encouragement in the local Ohio elections, and it is the failure of their hopes which excites here an interest in the results of those elections. It has been stated here by some of Mr. Foraker's friends privately that it is Foraker's intention to contest the Ohio delegation to the next republican national convention with McKinley.

This statement was made some little time ago, and gave an interest to the local Ohio election that otherwise would not have attached to it. The election of McKisson as mayor of Cleveland was counted upon as a first step toward the supremacy of the Foraker faction. McKisson's defeat, therefore, gives a black eye to the movement.

IN THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGE.

The anti-administration people are in the experimental stage of their plan, and would have got a great deal of encouragement if any sort of a Foraker victory could have been recorded in Ohio yesterday. They are working wherever they see the least evidence of anti-administration sentiment, and an indication that the President would encounter opposition in his own state would have, they calculated, assisted materially in other states. At present there is very little in the situation to encourage a candidate in declaring himself a contestant with President McKinley before the convention. It is said, however, that Foraker, notwithstanding the results of yesterday's election, will declare himself a candidate when the time comes, if for no other purpose than to develop a contest in the president's own state.

It is the intention also to bring out a New England candidate, and a candidate in New York and one in the northwest if he can be found. Roosevelt is the New York man counted on if he makes a success as governor. The opposition is preparing thus far for an attempt to capture delegations to the next republican national convention in California, New York, Iowa, Wisconsin and Massachusetts, and look upon Pennsylvania as a fairly promising field for their operations, under the peculiar political conditions now existing there. It is claimed that some progress has been made in all these states.

On and after Friday, March 10th, steamers Richmond, Westmoreland and Essex will leave Pier 11, Baltimore, every Tuesday and Friday at 4:30 p. m. for Fredericksburg and all wharves below, except Bay Port, Millhook and Merry Point. Returning will leave Fredericksburg at 5:30 p. m. (tide permitting). No day and Thursday, leaving at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday and Friday for Baltimore.

Leave Baltimore Wednesday, at 4:30 p. m. for Norfolk and all wharves below, except Bay Port, Millhook and Merry Point. Returning will leave Tappanhook at 9 a. m. Monday, for Baltimore.

NORFOLK ROUTE.

Will leave Tappanhook for Norfolk at 11 a. m. (noon) Friday stopping at all landings. Will leave Norfolk at 4:45 p. m. Saturday for Tappanhook, calling at all landings.

No freight received for outgoing steamers after 5 p. m. on sailing days.

Freight received for all stations on Potomac, Fredericksburg, & Piedmont R. R.

POTOMAC RIVER ROUTE.

Beginning Tuesday, December 7th, steamers Potomac will leave Pier 11, Light Street, Baltimore, at 5 p. m. Tuesday and Saturday for the Potomac River, calling at Miller's Bridge, Bacon's, Grason's, Lewisville, Bunkles, Cowart's, Walnut Point, Coan, Kincaid, Mundy's Point, Loders, Adams, Piney Point, Abell's, Leonardtown, Coburn's, Howard's and Stone's. On Tuesday only for Lancaster, Bushwood, Riverside, Liverwood Point, Glymont, Alexandria and Washington.

Returning, will leave 7th Street Wharf, Washington, at 4 p. m. Thursday, calling at all of the above mentioned wharves, leaving Leonardtown 4 a. m. Monday, and Friday. Kincaid, 12 m. Miller's 4 p. m. Grason's 4 p. m. Bacon's 4 p. m. arriving in Baltimore early Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

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